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ISSUE

SUMMARY: IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE ORLOV TRIAL, SOVIET
MEDIA CONTINUE TO TAKE AN UNCOMPROMISING LINE ON
HUMAN RIGHTS, IN PARTICULAR BY ASSERTING THAT WESTERN
PRESSURE WILL NOT DETER THE USSR FROM BRINGING
"CRIMINALS" LIKE ORLOV TO JUSTICE, AND ALSO BY
FOCUSING ATTENTION ON ALLEGED HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATIONS
IN THE U.S. END SUMMARY.

1. THE JUNE 15 TASS WIRE COMMENTARY ON THE ORLOV
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CASE (FAMOUS FOR ITS INITIAL, APPARENTLY ERRONEOUS
USE OF THE TERM "REACTIONARY PEANUT FARMER")
BY VLADIMIR NIKOLAYEV HAS BEEN CARRIED IN AT LEAST
ONE SOVIET NEWSPAPER, "SOVETSKAYA KULTURA" FOR
JUNE 20. THE COMMENTARY INDICATES A CONTINUING
TOUGH LINE ON THIS AND SIMILAR CASES. FOR EXAMPLE,
NIKOLAYEV ASSERTS THAT:

--ORLOV WAS A SUBVERSIVE CRIMINAL WORKING IN
LEAGUE WITH "FOREIGN ANTI-SOVIET CENTERS".

--ORLOV REPORTED EVENTS WHICH NEVER TOOK PLACE
AND INVENTED NAMES OF PEOPLE ALLEGEDLY PERSECUTED
FOR POLITICAL REASONS.

-THE ANTI-SOVIET HUMAN RIGHTS CAMPAIGN IS
"PSYCHOLOGICAL WARFARE ORCHESTRATED" BY SELFISH
"REACTIONARY MILITARISTIC QUARTERS" IN NATO
COUNTRIES.

--THE SOVIET UNION WILL NOT BE BLACKMAILED BY
THREATS OF LINKAGE OF SO-CALLED "FREEDOM OF
ANTI-SOVIET BEHAVIOR" WITH SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL
EXCHANGES AND GENERAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL
RELATIONS.

2. IN APPARENT COUNTERATTACK ON ADVERSE WESTERN
REACTION TO HUMAN RIGHTS MATTERS IN USSR, "KOMSOMOSKAYA
PRAVDA" JUNE 23 PROVIDES READERS WITH A "CUT-OUT"
POSTCARD ADDRESSED TO PRESIDENT CARTER WHICH
CRITICIZES U.S. HUMAN RIGHTS PERFORMANCE. THE
INSTRUCTIONS ACCOMPANYING THE "CUT-OUT" ARE TO
PASTE PROVIDED TEXT ON ONE SIDE OF A REGULAR
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POSTCARD AND AN ANTI-U.S. CARTOON (ALSO PROVIDED)
ON THE OTHER SIDE. READERS ARE INSTRUCTED TO WRITE
IN THEIR NAME AND AGE, AND ATTACH A STAMP BEFORE
MAILING.

3. (BEGIN UNCLASSIFIED) TEXT OF POSTCARD, WHICH IS
IN ENGLISH, READS AS FOLLOWS: QUOTE: MISTER
PRESIDENT* HUMAN RIGHTS THAT YOU SPEAK SO MUCH
ABOUT BEGIN AT HOME. WE ADDRESS YOU MISTER PRESIDENT
AN APPEAL TO TAKE CONCRETE ACTIONS IN YOUR COUNTRY,
TO DENOUNCE AND STOP THE POLITICAL TRIALS OF THE
AMERICAN CIVIL RIGHTS FIGHTERS.

ADDING OUR VOICE TO THE BROAD INTERNATIONAL CAMPAIGN
OF SOLIDARITY WITH THE POLITICAL PRISONERS IN THE
U.S. JAILS WE ARE EXPECTING FROM YOU MISTER
PRESIDENT,
DECISIVE ACTIONS IN DEFENSE OF JUSTICE.

WE URGE: FREEDOM TO THE FREEDOM FIGHTERS***
NAME... AGE...USSR.END QUOTE. (END UNCLASSIFIED).
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